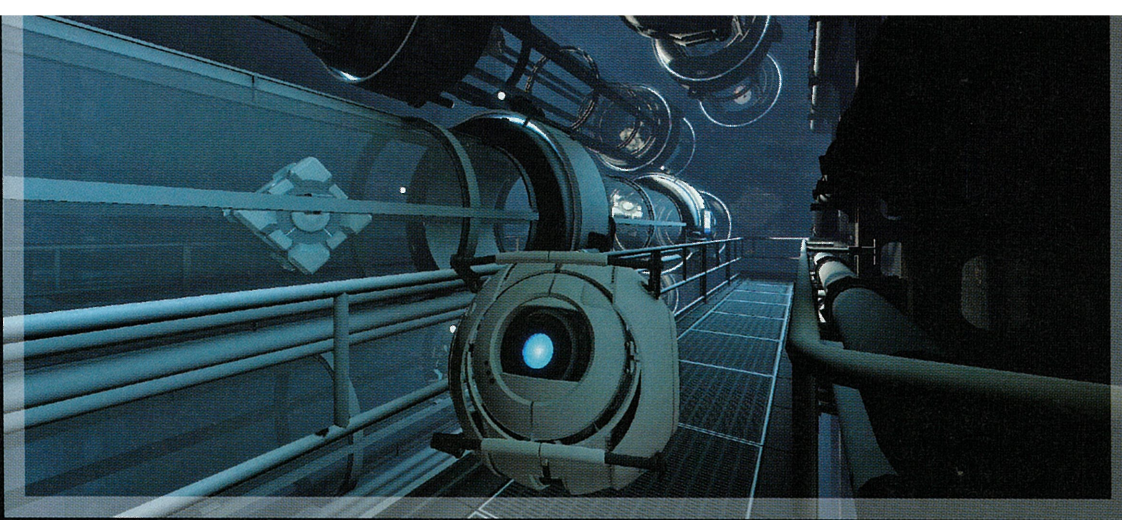




Funny Business

Humour was an important aspect of the original *Portal*, and that isn't changing for the sequel.

Veteran *Portal* writer Erik Wolpaw is returning, joined by fellow Valve scribe Chet Faliszek, lead writer of *Left 4 Dead* and *Left 4 Dead 2*, and Jay Pinkerton, a new recruit who honed his considerable talents while writing for *National Lampoon*. The challenge will now be uniting these three unique voices into one: a disgruntled computer system with an affinity for neurotoxins. This humour is already evident in some of the early art we've seen from the game, helping to set the mood until gamers have a chance to check out *Portal 2* in action. The below pair of Aperture Science posters are a prime example, illustrating the merits of using a turret to ward off potential baby snatchers.

As for the more memorable moments in the original *Portal*, the cake may, in fact, be a lie in the follow-up. Not willing to rest on their comedic laurels, the writing staff refuses to beat a dead horse by reusing memes from the original game.

